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SUBJECT: RAMGOBIN' S BANNING ORDER TIGHTENED

REF: DURBAN 0459, 22 SEP 1971

1. MEWA RAMGOBIN, PREVIOUSLY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE TO REACTIVATE
NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS, (NIC) SERVED APRIL 7 WITH VARIATION ON HIS
BANNING ORDER OF 20 SEPT 1971 CONFINING HIM TO HOME DISTRICT OF
INANDA. AS PER DURBAN 459, ORIGINAL BANNING ORDER RESTRICTED
HIM TO FOUR ADJACENT MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, C. E. DURBAN,
PINETOWN, PIETERMARITZBURG AND INANDA, WHICH ALLOWED HIM CONTINUE
HIS BUSINESS AS INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL CONSULTANT. NEW VARIATION
APPEARS TO HAVE ELIMINATED RAMGOBIN' S SOURCE OF INCOME.

2. RAMGOBIN, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN BANNED 1965-70, WAS TARGET
OF HOAX MAIL BOMB MARCH 9 (DURBAN A-26). NO FURTHER PUBLICITY
HAS BEEN GIVEN TO RESULTS POLICE INVESTIGATION OF THAT INCIDENT.

3. VERULAM CHIEF MAGISTRATE HAS REFUSED RELAX NEW RESTRICTION
FOR 30 DAYS, REQUESTED BY RAMGOBIN TO ENABLE APPEAL TO MINISTER
OF JUSTICE, AND FURTHER REFUSED RELAXATION FOR 15 DAYS
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 TO ALLOW HIM TO WIND UP BUSINESS AFFAIRS IN DURBAN (VARIATION
WAS SERVED WITH ONLY FEW HOURS NOTICE).

4. MR. C. SEWPERSADH, NIC CHAIRMAN HAS ISSUED STATEMENT ON
BEHALF OF CONGRESS: " NIC CONDEMNS FURTHER RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED
 ON MR. RAMGOBIN ... STATE IS FULLY AWARE HE EARNS HIS
LIVING BY WORKING IN DURBAN ... TO DEPRIVE A MAN, NOT CONVICTED
OF ANY OFFENCE, OF HIS LIVELIHOOD IS ACT OF A GOVERNMENT
WITH NO SENSE OF SHAME OR DECENCY ... FURTHER RESTRICTIONS
TO CAUSE UNTOLD HARDSHIP ON HIS WIFE AND FIVE MINOR CHILDREN."
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